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- 11. (C) This cable responds to reftel A. Answers follow Reftel A sequence.
- A.) The United States and Azerbaijan have established a Security Dialogue, chaired by State and MFA at the Deputy Minister/Assistant Secretary level; and Bilateral Defense Consultations (BDC), at the Deputy Chief of General Staff/DASD level.
- B.) The November 4, 2009 Security Dialogue was the eleventh meeting in the dialogue's 12-year history. Post is unaware of a formal, binding coordinating mechanism.
- C.) The last Security Dialogue was held in Washington November 4, 2009. The last BDC was held 29-30 July 2009 in Washington. Both mechanisms are envisioned as annual events with the parties alternating as host, however neither meeting took place in 2008.
- D.) See answer A. The most recent meetings were chaired for the United States by A/S Shapiro and DASD Wallander; the Azerbaijani chairs were Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Araz Azimov and General-Major Eyvaz Jafarov.
- E.) Of the two dialogues, the Bilateral Defense Consultations have more utility at present. The Security Dialogue is hobbled somewhat by political issues extraneous to the agenda and also by the non-constructive attitude of DFM Azimov. Reftel B refers.